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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Donald F. Niebuhr of Williamsfield on Saturday, March 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, He was born on September 22, 1928, in Williamsfield to Herman W. and Eleanor "Lula" Dimmick Niebuhr; he was reared and educated in Williamsfield and graduated from Williamsfield High School in 1946; he married Rose E. Wagher on September 23, 1955, in Galesburg; and

WHEREAS, He valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force from July 20, 1948, to July 1, 1952, with the 1911th AACS Squadron; and

WHEREAS, He worked as a mechanic for Wight Chevrolet in Williamsfield, and after serving in the military, he worked for Admiral in Galesburg, retiring as a foreman in 1990; and

WHEREAS, He enjoyed mushrooming, camping, fishing, and arrowhead hunting; he was a fan of the ROWVA, Williamsfield and Kewanee girls and boys sports, where his grandchildren participated; he was a member of the Williamsfield American Legion Post, a lifetime member of Little John Conservation, and a member of the United Methodist Church in Williamsfield; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Donald F. Niebuhr has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Rose; his son, Mark (Rita) Niebuhr; his daughters, Nancy Niebuhr, Lynn (Michael) VanHyfte, Betsy Colclasure, and Shelley (Pierre) Ponce; his grandchildren, Brandy, Jamie, Nikki, and Samantha Ponce, Erik and Megan VanHyfte, Cody, Corey, and Lindsey Niebuhr, and Nathaniel Niebuhr; his great-granddaughters, Mia and Bella Voss; his sister, Edith (Edward) Branchfield; and his many nieces and nephews; he was preceded in death by his daughter,

1 Susan Rose; his parents; and his brothers, Weldon and Paul;
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Donald F. Niebuhr, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
10 sympathy.